WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

College of Fisheries in Bihar

†2058. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intend to open a college of fisheries in Bihar for development of pisciculture,

(b) if so, by when and the efforts made by Government so far; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) No, Sir, since the opening of a college is a State subject,

Plan for Earthquake and Cyclone in Gujarat

2059. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the entire Gujarat region is prove to earthquake and cyclone;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any survey in this regard;

(c) whether Government have made any long-term planning to face such natural disasters; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Areas vulnerable to seismic activity are classified under Zones I to V and the areas in Gujarat come under Zones III to V. Coastal areas in Gujarat are prone to cyclones.

(c) and (d) The Primary responsibility for taking necessary action in this regard is that of the State Government concerned. The building Materials and Technology Promotion Council (BMTPC) have already brought out the Vulnerability Atlas including State-wise hazard maps. Governments of States falling under seismic zones IV & V have been requested to update their Contingency Action Plan with emphasis on preparedness and public awareness. Subsequent to the Gujarat earthquake, a National Committee on Disaster

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